

Loving Your Neighbor (Luke 10:25-27)

Hope Mennonite Church March 16, 2025

9:30 am Worship

Second Sunday of Lent: Christ Collides with Our Condemnation

Gathering to Worship

As we gather for worship, please silence all electronic devices. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Christ collides with our thoughts to condemn others.

Put them in their place.

Who is more guilty of wrongdoing?

Do you condemn? Should I condemn?

For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.

*Songs of Gathering

"My Hope Is Built"

#621

"God. Give Me Time"

#144

Hearing God's Word

Time with the Children

Sara Dick

Confession and words of assurance

All: Loving and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

North: We have not loved you

with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

South: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do and what we have chosen to neglect.

North: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

South: We are quick to pass judgment

and to assume your authority to condemn others.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free from our quickness to condemn so we may

better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Scripture reading

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

#426

Reflection

Kendal Warkentine

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" (vs 1 & 2)

#141

Reflection

Ryan Henneberg

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" (vs 3 & 4)

#141

Responding to God's Word

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting our Guests (Please pass the attendance pads)

Seeing and Seeking God

Work of the Church

Sharing our Praises and Concerns

Prayers of God's People

Sending

*"Christ Has No Body Here but Ours"

#568

*Benediction

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*Stand as you are able

A warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship with us this morning in person or on Zoom. Our Lenten theme this year is "Christ Collides." Each week's texts offer a glimpse into how the contents of Jesus' teachings collides with us and our world.



Stay in Touch with Hope

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Church Office Hours

Sara Dick This week: on vacation

Cynthia Monday-Thursday 9 -1:30 pm

Kim Friday 9-1 pm Staff meeting Tuesday 9:30 am

Hope on Facebook: Follow the link at hopemennonite.org and "like" Hope Mennonite Church to see pictures & updates on church life.

First Fruits Giving

Giving the first and best of that we are given.

March 9

Attendance 92 (Hope 82, Zoom 10) Offering last Sunday \$3,333

Year to date \$38.117

Spending Plan commitment year to date \$53,846

Hope offers an electronic option of giving through **Tithely**. Contact the church office for instructions.

Our Purpose: As an Anabaptist community of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, Hope Mennonite Church is calling and making disciples who bring Christ's love and peace to our world

Hope Mennonite Church Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

We believe all people are created in God's image and we covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we seek to follow Jesus. We gather around God's table as an open and affirming congregation, embracing all people to full participation in the life and ministry of our church regardless of age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, gender identity, citizenship, ability, ethnicity, or any other factor subject to discrimination or exclusion in our world. We recognize and give thanks for the diverse opinions among us and are united as we strive to model a community of faith offering justice, peace, love, and compassion in the name of Christ.

Worship Participants

Worship leader: Sara Dick Pianist: Cynthia Loganbill Song leader: Lowell Birkey Scripture reader: Jim Voth Worship tech: Galen Fast

Zoom host: Brenda Glanzer Lilliston

Upcoming Worship Services

March 23 Third Sunday of Lent:

Christ Collides with Our Priorities

March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Christ Collides with Our Selfishness

MEETINGS THIS WEEK (March 16-22)

Monday -7:00 pm Sanctuary reserved

Tuesday -2:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO

WANDER: A Lenten Journey with Women in the

Wilderness by Joanna Harader.

Wednesday -5:45 pm Witness & Outreach

-7:00 pm Choir

Thursday -7:00 pm Women's Bible study: PRONE TO

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Coffee preparation next Sunday - Clinton & Katie Chlumsky



NURSERY (birth through age 4) Today: Kevin & Taylor Sechrist

Next Sunday: Eldon & Annette Chlumsky March 30: Donovan & Laurie Regehr

sundayschool

*Preschool: Room 8/9 downstairs *Elementary: Room 2 downstairs

*Middle School: Room 7 downstairs

*Adults in the sanctuary: March 16 and 30, Interim

Pastor Sara Dick will be leading discussions on the book *How to Have an Enemy: Righteous Anger and the Work of Peace* (chapters 1 & 2) by Melissa Florer-Bixler, a pastor at Raleigh Mennonite Church. One of the women's groups studied this book, so if you weren't part of that book study or have forgotten about it since, please plan to join! Extra copies of the book are available at the church.

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Visitors & guests last Sunday: Zoom- Hank; JB Hunt

Pastor Sara will be on vacation this week. She'll be back in the office on March 24. Please contact a deacon or the church office for pastoral concerns.

Sandwich Saturday - We need a coordinator for Sandwich Saturday on April 5 as well as 13 dozen cookies. Please sign up if you are able to help with this ministry to the houseless.

My Coins Count: We have collected \$313 in coins (and paper money) through Sunday, March 2. Our total donation to the Mid-Kansas Relief Sale last year was \$336. Keep it up!

Thank you to all who volunteered with Family Promise this past week. We hosted three wonderful families - three moms and eight kids. Six of the eight were tweens/teens, so we had much older kids than usual. 20 volunteers from Hope filled 40 slots and 19 volunteers from Aldersgate filled 34 slots. The plaque is back!! Congratulations!! Check with Hope's coordinators about "leftovers" before you leave church today.

The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale is right around the corner on April 11 & 12. There are lots of ways to volunteer during the weekend. Many of the sign-up sheets are now conveniently located on line. To check out the opportunities (and hopefully sign up) you can go to KANSAS MCCSALE ORG/VOLUNTEER or click on the QR Code printed on the poster on the bulletin board. The sooner you sign up, the better chance you have in getting your preferred job and time slot. It takes many volunteers for a successful Sale!

MennoCon and Delegate Assembly Vision Council is seeking 3 people to serve as a delegate to the Delegate Assembly held during the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Greensboro, NC from July 8 - 12, 2025. The official Delegate Assembly is scheduled for July 11th. The delegate body gathers every two years at the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention to discuss and vote on resolutions pertaining to the denominational vision, mission, and documents. The Delegate Assembly is your opportunity to not only speak to the establishment of general policies and the development of programs to carry out those policies, but it is also an opportunity for you to connect with and listen to the various members in our great and diverse denomination. **Early bird registration is due by March 31**st Contact Michelle at Moderator@hopemennonite.org if you are interested in serving as a delegate for Hope to this convention and delegate assembly.

Prayers for the Wider Church:

...During this season of Lent, pray for pastors in Western District Conference as they encourage, teach & help guide congregations to walk faithfully in the way of Jesus.

...The Evangelical Mennonite Conference of Paraguay gathers Spanish-speaking churches to work together for evangelism, church-planting and leadership development. Pray for the conference president, Alvin Neufeld, and his wife, Renate, as they travel to encourage pastoral couples.

...Little Eden's Justice and Peace Centre in Botswana offers at-risk children rehabilitation programs and vocational training. Pray for the staff to be able to help participants see themselves as beloved and valuable children of God.